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L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY, April 5 --- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street

Cocktails at Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM SHARP

\$3.00 -- Tip and Tax Included ----- \$3.50 for Guests

HAS ISRAEL A CHANCE?

by

BOB CONSIDINE

Past President BOB CONSIDINE, the intrepid and prolific International News Service correspondent, has just returned from a trip to Israel where he interviewed government leaders, political figures, diplomats and men-in-the-street. As a top American reporter, CONSIDINE brings to the Overseas Press Club an updated, first-hand account of conditions in the new republic.

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In an effort to insure that all future luncheons begin at 12:30 PM sharp, no cocktails will be served at the bar after that hour. Drinks may be ordered, however, at tables.

O F F I C I A L

Book Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Friday, March 31, 2:00 PM
 Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, April 3, 5:30 PM
 Nominations Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, April 4, 5:45 PM

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE:

Frank Bray Gibney, Time Inc. France, May-December, 1948; Japan, March, 1949 to present, for Time Inc. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by PERCY R. KNAUTH.

Arthur D. Holzman, Radio Station WMCA. Palestine and Middle East, 1947-1950, for MBS, Pathfinder magazine, McGraw-Hill Publications and WMCA. Proposed by GEROLD FRANK; seconded by HAL LEHRMAN.

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR ANNUAL MEETING

An informal supper for members and their guests will precede the annual meeting and election scheduled for 8:30 PM on Thursday, April 20, at Toots Shor's restaurant, 51 West 51st Street, it was announced this week.

Also President FRANK KELLEY reported that the following will serve as members of the Nominating Committee to draw up two or more slates of candidates: EUGENE LYONS, Chairman, WYTHE WILLIAMS, LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND, BEACH CONGER, MARY HORNADAY, JOSEPH LEVY and WILLIAM DOERFLINGER.

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GERALDINE SARTAIN has succeeded Co-Chairman JACK GLENN and REAVIS O'NEAL as Chairman of the Television Committee. GLENN and O'NEAL asked to resign because of pressure of business affairs.

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After six months as office assistant of the Overseas Press Club, Daniel Gruender next week returns to Antioch College to resume his studies. Those who came in contact with him at the Club will miss his invariably optimistic attitude and his spirit of sincere cooperation. He had recently been named Associate Editor of The Bulletin. Gruender will be replaced by David McIntire who assumes his new duties immediately.

BOOK LIST

Books received recently by the Overseas Press Club Library include the following:

"Rome: Portrait of the Eternal City" edited by Herbert Bittner and Ernest Nash, published by Henry Regnery Co.

"The Police State" by CRAIG THOMPSON, published by E. P. Dutton and Co.

In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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Belgium's delicate political situation will occupy three guests on next Sunday's OPC television show. ROBERT FUNSON, recently returned from seven years with the AP abroad, two as Chief of the AP's Brussels Bureau; and LANDRUM BOLLING, editor in chief of the Overseas News Agency who covered the liberation of King Leopold by the Allies, will discuss "Belgium and Her Problems: Does Her Democracy Need a King?" (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, Sunday, April 2, 5-5:30 PM). (Note: BOB CONSIDINE did not appear on last week's television show because of injuries sustained in a taxi accident.)

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A "MICHAEL" AWARD as one of the three best television news commentaries was made last week to LEON PEARSON of NBC. It was the first such awards to be announced. They will be awarded annually by the Academy of Radio and Television Best Arts and Sciences...CLIFFORD EVANS, former director of television and motion pictures for the City of New York, has just been appointed Assistant to the Deputy Mayor by Mayor William O'Dwyer. In his new post he will continue to supervise the city's television and movie activities, however...A new film now under production will feature MBS commentator CECIL BROWN. The title: "The Next Voice You Will Hear."

AFTER A WEST COAST LECTURE tour, from which he has just returned, EMIL LENGYEL reports a greater interest there in Asiatic than in European affairs...Assistant Secretary of State EDWARD W. BARRETT represented the Government when the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra saluted the Dominion of Canada and its composers on a MBS broadcast last Wednesday...On a two-week visit to New York: BERYL KENT. Address: 25 Tudor Place, Phone MU. 3-9571...

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VICTOR LASKY, co-author of "Seeds of Treason", will be interviewed on Bert Andrews' radio show tonight (April 1). Both LASKY and co-author Ralph de Toledano will appear on the "Author Meets the Critics" TV show Wednesday, April 5...RICHARD DE ROCHEMONT, whose March of Time film, "A Chance to Live", won an Academy "Oscar" recently, this week declared that proposals by Sen. Edward C. Johnson to license motion pictures would strangle the film industry the same as The German and Italian industries were killed by Hitler and Mussolini...The April 8 Collier's will carry an article on the Metropolitan Opera by HERBERT KUPFERBERG...

OFF FOR EUROPE on the "Queen Mary" last week was THOMAS B. MORGAN. With him were several assignments to do articles on Holy Year, plus radio commitments for station WOV and the Catholic Travel League...GEORGE H. LYON, veteran newsman and former OWI official with SHAEF, has just opened an office in New York as public relations counsel...Collaborating on a new book are CECIL CARNES and Thomas R. Henry...

The Congressional Record for March 14 carried a reprint of the certificate of appreciation awarded by the Department of the Army to RUTH COWAN of the AP's Washington Bureau (The Bulletin, March 25).

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REPORT FROM GERMANY
INDICATES PRESS CAMPS
STILL IN BAD WAY

Despite promises given by the State Department last February that contemplated curtailment of press camp facilities in Germany would not be authorized, the Overseas Press Club has just learned that the Frankfurt Press Camp is operating without a restaurant while the Munich Press Camp is completely shut.

This information, received by The Bulletin this week, came as a surprise to OPC officials who on February 1 were assured by State Department spokesmen that the Munich hostel -- ordered suspended -- would remain open. A visitor to this former camp last week found it shuttered and posted with a sign stating: "Closed. Billets can be obtained at the Excelsior Hotel." While a press camp is still open in Frankfurt, it offers no kitchen facilities so correspondents have been forced to open a separate club at their own expense.

Upon learning last January that authorities in Germany planned to curtail press camps, the Overseas Press Club sent a representative to Washington to protest at the State Department. Officials promised the offending orders would be revoked at once, and declared no changes in the existing setup were under consideration. The Bulletin on February 11 reported this successful action.

A later editorial on March 4, however, disclosed the continued existence in the State Department of a clique opposed to press camp operation in Germany. In view of the above report, it would appear that this group had at least been partially successful in hamstringing the effectiveness of newsmen in Germany.

 OPC MEMBER WITH 22 YEARS EXPERIENCE in news work abroad, during which he was war correspondent, roving correspondent and bureau chief, is available for an editing, writing, lecturing, teaching, public relations, etc., job where his extensive experience would be of value. Specialist in historical economic, political, social problems of Western and East-central Europe, northeast Africa and India. High educational qualifications, including four years study in French and German universities. Will consider offers of temporary or part-time employment. Call LONGacre 4-0174.

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JOSEPH B. PHILLIPS, former foreign affairs director of Newsweek, has just joined the Department of State...Back from two years in Paris is FRANK WHITE; heads for Rio in April, replacing Time, Inc's BILL and Connie WHITE...Life's CARL MYDANS is off on an assignment in Indo-China...Boston Herald art editor LAWRENCE DAME is back from an action-filled European trip; covered the British election, explored Berlin's Russian sector and investigated conditions among sick and wounded Polish Army-in-exile members. Before leaving England, he was named U.S. critic for London's Art News and Review...New director of publicity and creative writing for Kersting, Brown & Co., fund-raising counsel, is LEWIS H. BOWEN. Firm handles such accounts as Harvard, Yale, Duke and Michigan U's...

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COVER MACARTHUR AS
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RAYMOND TELLS CLUB

"How to cover General MacArthur?", asks ALLEN RAYMOND, New York Herald Tribune correspondent recently returned from Tokyo. "Why", he continued, "I covered MacArthur's headquarters as I did Franco's, Mussolini's and Tito's." Speaking before 60 OPC members and their guests at Toots Shor's restaurant on March 29, RAYMOND declared that, while Americans could discuss with ease foreign totalitarian dictators, it was "always difficult to discuss one of your own." He assailed "censorship at the source", a device practiced by MacArthur's staff which prevents newsmen from obtaining needed facts until they are no longer newsworthy. Likewise, he attacked the MacArthur technique of deliberately issuing "misleading communiques", a practice adopted by MacArthur early in the war and still in operation in Tokyo. Because MacArthur is Supreme Commander for the Allied forces in the Pacific, RAYMOND said, he is responsible to the Allied chiefs of state rather than to the Department of the Army. This makes it possible for MacArthur to refuse Army and Congressional summons to return to the United States at their request. Despite what he termed "MacArthur's uniformly bad relations with the press," RAYMOND declared the General "really seems to be doing a pretty good job." He questions, however, whether it is healthy in a democracy for the military to be permitted freedom from any public review of their actions. Looking to the future, RAYMOND said he believed MacArthur would welcome retirement, but not until a peace treaty is signed with Japan. He implied such a plan was being opposed by the Department of the Army.

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The Club records with regret the death on March 27 of ALPHONS SUMMIT, formerly with the UP in Berlin, The Hague and London, and more recently with the New York Staats-Zeitung und Herold.

A first child, Penny, was born LUTER, Rome correspondent for Times' CLIFTON DANIEL (with the

ON THE OVERSEAS BEAT

the States in April...NED NORDNESS reports from Norway that a Bulletin S.O.S. for the present whereabouts of Rex Vivian, who had left personal effects at the American Embassy in Cairo, has been answered. NED says the March 4 Bulletin tracked Vivian to his present post as head of the Industry Division of the ECA Special Mission to Norway. Vivian has corresponded with the Embassy and hopes soon to receive his trunks. Meanwhile, NED is Assistant Chief of the Mission and very, very busy. Hopes to trek back to the U.S. on leave sometime in October. Sends regards to HAL BOYLE, BOB CONSIDINE, BILL DOWNS, and LEO BRANHAM...MAX JORDAN, Central European representative for NBC, recently attended the third International Catholic Press Convention in Rome as a member of the American delegation. Sign magazine last December carried JORDAN's article, "The Church Between East and West", which was later condensed by Catholic Digest... PHILIP WHITCOMB reports that Paris offices of his John MacNair's European News Service have moved to 56 rue de Faubourg St. Honore, the building where the Christian Science Monitor also has its home...

in Lausanne, Switzerland, to JOHN Time, on March 7...The New York London bureau) plans a vacation in

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